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Hate and dislike my “house husband”

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He has cast himself in the role as house husband. When we met he had a job and I never expressed any desire of being the breadwinner.

He lost his job. It's hard finding another one, he did have some interviews but seems to have given up now.

To make up for it he does a lot around the house and a lot of hard physical jobs that I would otherwise need to pay someone to do and taking care of the child a lot. This makes me feel somewhat guilty that I don't treat him very nicely.

But on the other hand I would much rather he spent 8 hours a day trying to sort out his situation and I've told him this. But he just keeps doing things around the house instead. Perhaps in an attempt to show how valuable he is to me “you never have to lift a finger”.

He thinks I got a good deal because “well you would be paying the same bills alone” plus a lot more if you were to hire a cleaner and babysitter. Yes, but most likely I would be in a normal EQUAL relationship if I hadn't met you and thus not be paying for everything myself.

I never wanted a house husband, he had a job when I met him and money. I feel cheated and that I made the wrong choice. He baby trapped me too and now I'm stuck.

Sure I could kick him out but my life would be way harder as a single mother and I would have no time meeting someone else so I basically have two choices, single mother or this. And in the end this is slightly better I guess. As mentioned he DOES do a lot which I would then have to do all alone making my life even more stressful. I'm just trying to make the best of it but at the same time I don't want to make him feel too comfortable.

Keep in mind that it is very hard to find a job where we are living, that much is true. But if I was him living on someone else's pay check against their will I would spend every waking hour to try and sort out something, if he at least did that I would treat him better, I wouldn't be angry because then I could see that he was trying. What pisses me off is his complete indifference "oh well I guess I'll just be a house husband" until something turns up. No I did not fucking agree to this.

I feel so stuck because of the child. And I don't understand him at all. I don't think he's particularly comfortable as he can't buy anything he wants but then why not try harder. Or was this his plan all along, to financially abuse me (he never asked me to buy him anything but ofc I am paying food, everything for child etc). People say it looks like he loves me when they meet us. But I'm not sure how you can love someone and put the entire financial burden on them.

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Dont139 · 2 hr. ago

It doesn't sound like you love or even like your husband. Being frustrated is one thing. But here you just express utter disgust and clearly despise him.

He is providing for your family. You could have a calm and constructive talk about how that is not what you envisioned from an equal partnership, how you feel like the mental load of earning all the money is too much for you etc. But you have not gone this route and instead you are just saying you are still with him only because it's not like you'd find someone else easily, and he is basically like a n aid that you don't have to pay.

You do not respect him or love him for who he is. He deserves better

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Fancy-Situation3978 **OP** · 1 hr. ago

Not husband. I guess I don't, he lied to me about many things. He never got a divorce from his wife although I've known him for 6 years (he said he did), he never had any savings although he said he did, he said he was working as an engineer but I doubt that now and best of all probably going to jail for a dui for which I have paid thousands for HIS lawyers and I paid EVERYTHING for our child. So yea maybe he does deserve someone better who respects and loves him and pays for all his shit and his rent and all his lawyers while he washes some clothes and chills around their house all day. I wish him luck in this pursuit.

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SummerIceCream3893 · 1 hr. ago

Is the child your's and his or from a previous relationship for one of you? Who took care of the child before he lost his job? Did you two discuss him staying home after he lost his job or he made that decision on his own? Do you own the home yourself or do you two own it together?

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Fancy-Situation3978 **OP** · 58 min. ago

Our baby yes. He hasn't had a job for years, lost while I was pregnant. I own the home alone, not married. Well I said it was ok he stayed home a bit until he found a job and I could pay for everythjng. Didn't expect it to be years. And well I have to pay for a daycare anyway as he might be going to jail any moment, yep he's a real catch, also something he lied about. He didn't do anything bad, but he's a complete mess with no order in his life while he pretended everything was under control when we first met so I didn't realise the extent of how fucked up his situation is. He has a DUI with no victims, the only illegal thing he ever did in his life and actually he was honest about this one when we met. Did I know you can go to jail for 1 year when it's a first offence and no victims? Nope. But apparently you can in his country. So here we are. Me paying for daycare to make sure I have a spot as I can't rely that he will be around forever, currently waiting to see when and if he will go to jail.



SummerIceCream3893 · 3 min. ago

It seems that you would reduce a ton of stress and reduce your financial costs if you served him an eviction notice- put up cameras inside and outside the house before you serve him and change the locks immediately once he moves out. Also, change all the passwords and shared credit cards and bank accounts before serving him the eviction notice, and change your work beneficiary. The house is yours and you are paying all the bills so he doesn't seem to have a leg to stand on and of course, you're not married. The money you are spending on supporting him can go toward a babysitter when the child is not in daycare. On the brightside- you own your house, you have a career that seems to pay well enough, you only had ONE child with this man, you didn't marry him and you didn't do something so stupid as to put his name on the house you owned before you met him. Talk to a lawyer about getting child support now and after he has served his time for the DUI. If you two didn't make the decision together that he would stay home as a house husband but that it was only to be temporary then you have allowed yourself to be taken advantage of. Wonder if he stopped working in order to hide out because of the DUI.



Yokohama_She1111 · 1 hr. ago

Ah okay, since you said 'house husband' I assumed you were married.

I understand it's upsetting to have your life circumstances change on you. you can grieve you can process and eventually you can work on it with him to find a solution but for sure contempt and resentment won't get you anywhere. Good luck to you

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Fancy-Situation3978 **OP** · 1 hr. ago

Thanks you're right. I wrote the post to get other perspectives as I'm not sure who is in the wrong here. I don't think he intentionally wanted this but I don't think he tries as hard as I would to fix the situation. I work my ass off to provide for this child and buy a house soon so he has a nice place to grow up. Why doesn't he desperately try to earn money as well